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SUBJECT: MADE IN CANADA DISCUSSIONS

1. THE JULY 11 COVERING LETTER TO CANADA'S OFFER IMPROVE-MENTS, ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR MCDONALD FROM AMBASSADOR GREY, STATES THAT CANADA WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MADE-IN-CANADA/MACHINERY PROGRAM IN A DETAILED AND CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION LATER THIS YEAR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. SINCE THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE A CRITICAL FACTOR IN EVALUATING THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF CANADA'S OFFER IMPROVEMENTS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEL FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THEY BE INITIATED IN MID-SEPTEMBER. IN VIEW OF THE TECHNICAL NATURE OF THE ISSUE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HOLD THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS IN OTTAWA TO DRAW MORE WIDELY ON

THE CANADIAN PERSONNEL WHO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, OPENING THE TALKS THERE WOULD TEND TO EMPHASIZE TO A LARGER GROUP OF CANADIAN OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON THIS ISSUE. WE ASSUME THAT REPRESENTATIVES AT THIS MEETING WILL INCLUDE BOTH WASHINGTON AND GENEVA PERSONNEL.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED AS DRAFT RESPONSE TO CAN DEL:

BEGIN TEXT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 11 AND THE ACCOMPANYING LISTS SETTING OUR THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN CANADA'S TARIFF OFFER.

THE U.S. PARTICULARLY WELCOMES THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERN-MENT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS UNITED STATES CONCERNS RELATING TO THE MACHINERY PROGRAM AND THE RELATED QUOTE MADE/NOT MADE END QUOTE ITEMS IN A DETAILED AND CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION. SINCE OUR EVALUATION OF CANADA'S OFFER WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS BE HELD IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

IN VIEW OF THE TECHNICAL NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO HOLD PRELIMINARY MEETINGS IN OTTAWA WITH FOLLOW-THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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